

Southwest Life Groups

A Place to Belong...A Place to Transform

Focus: To explore the God who is all powerful and will not be thwarted in His plans!

El Shadday (El shad-Dai)

God Almighty

Introduction: Below are six promises of God. Begin the new year by simply reading them over your group slowly and deliberately. Invite them to just listen and hear God.

1. God has promised to supply every need we have.
2. God has promised that His grace is sufficient for us.
3. God has promised that His children will not be overtaken with temptation.
4. God has promised us victory over death.
5. God has promised that all things work together for good to those who love him.
6. God has promised His people eternal life.

- Which do you love hearing the most and why?
- Discuss the one that you struggle with.

Text: Genesis 17:1-8, 15-18

- Discuss what it must have been like to wait so long on God.
- Assess how you think Abram viewed God throughout these years.
- Did Abram really believe the promise God had spoken to him at this point?
- Do you ever doubt God...what does that look like?
- Is God really all powerful...Is He really all good?
- Discuss what gods we bow to that are beautiful but powerless.

Meditation: El Shadday or God Almighty that Abram meets here is used almost fifty times in the text and most extensively in Job. This is the God who is all powerful. There is nothing impossible for Him. His promises are always true! Spend a few minutes mediating on El Shadday as opposed to the fruit of our powerless gods.

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| • Strong | vs. | Arrogance |
| • Enough | vs. | Doubt |
| • Power | vs. | Weak |
| • Nothing is impossible | vs. | Fear |

Prayer: Nothing will stop El Shadday from carrying out His plans! Confusion, pain, struggle, difficulty...nothing! Pray tonight to a God that is Almighty over all and whose promises are true!

